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SUBJ: U.S. STEEL'S INTEREST IN PHOSPHATE JOINT VENTURE

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1. GOM PHOSPHATE MINING AUTHORITY OFFICE CHERIFIEN DES PHOSPHATES (OCP) IS MONOPOLY WHICH CONTROLS ALL PRODUCTION, PROCESSING, AND SALE OF MOROCCAN PHOSPHATES. WE DOUBT IT WOULD BE INTERESTED IN JOINT VENTURE INVOLVING ONLY EXTRACTION, WHICH FULLY WITHIN ITS OWN CAPABILITIES. ALSO OCP PLANNING ON MORE, NOT LESS, INTERNAL PROCESSING OF ITS PHOSPHATES IN YEARS AHEAD (AND HAS IN PAST INCIDENTALLY WELCOMED FOREIGN INVESTOR INTEREST IN THIS AREA).

2. WE WOULD IN ANY CASE PREFER NOT APPROACH OCP WITH INQUIRY AS VAGUE AS THAT CITED REFTEL. SUGGEST RATHER THAT U.S. STEEL DEVELOP ITS IDEAS SOMEWHAT MORE AND THEN CONSIDER SENDING REPRESENTATIVE TO RABAT FOR PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS WITH OCP. EMBASSY WOULD OF COURSE BE HAPPY TO ASSIST IN BRIEFING AND MAKING APPOINTMENTS.

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